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1. European Patent Application No. 1 149 902 A, published October 31, 2001 to

Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

2. European Patent Application No. 0 584 597 A, published March 2, 1994 to Kao

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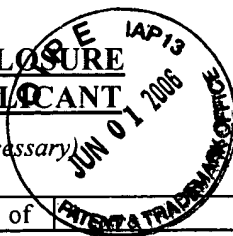
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